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REMARKS

Only allowed and allowable claims 4-7 and 11-14 are now pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Claims 1-3 and 8-10 have been canceled, and allowable claims 4-6 have been placed in independent form. In addition, new claims 13 and 14 have been added. New claim 13 corresponds to claim 5 depending on allowable claim 4, and new claim 14 corresponds to claim 6 depending on allowable claim 7.

Claims 7, 11, and 12 have been allowed, and claims 4-6 have been indicated to be allowable if they are placed in independent form. As claims 4-6 have been placed in independent form, they are in condition for allowance.

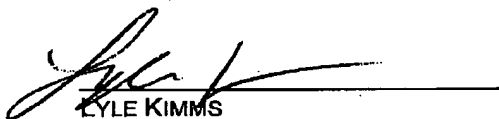
The art rejection based on Abe (USP 6,687,591) or Mikami (USP 5,672,138) or Ando (USP 5,496,230) in view of applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA) have been rendered moot as claims 1-3 and 8-10 have been canceled. Only the allowed and allowable claims are pending in this application.

Applicants submit that pending claims 4-7 and 11-14 are in condition for allowance for which applicants urge an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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